

DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST C. P. SIMS

Numerous Charges Against Spartanburg Attorney—Attack Character and Reputation.

Columbia, Nov. 21.—Disbarment proceedings were instituted in the supreme court today to strike the name of C. P. Sims of Spartanburg from the list of attorneys at the Spartanburg bar.

Sensational charges are made in the petition and in the affidavits filed with the clerk of court. Mr. Sims is one of the best known lawyers in the State.

Some of the charges are briefly as follows: That Sims attempted to mislead the supreme court in the case of the State vs. John Sheldon in attempting to secure a false affidavit; that Sims solicited a suit against the city of Spartanburg by going to secure plaintiffs in the case. That Sims solicited one Richard Jackson and his wife to employ him in a case and "collected a \$10 fee." And after taking the fee failed to defend Jackson; that Sims solicited Tom Jackson and L. M. Jackson to employ him in another case and collected a fee and "then wilfully refused to bring the action."

One of the most sensational allegations in the Sims charges is that against him for securing a fee of \$10 from Mrs. M. E. Thomas to represent her in getting a pardon for her son, Baxter Thomas. The complaint alleges that Mr. Sims took the fee and then asked Governor Blease not to pardon Thomas. Mrs. Thomas makes an affidavit to this effect.

Several other charges of a similar nature are made in the petition naming those from whom Mr. Sims is alleged to have solicited cases. It is also charged, that Sims secretly executed a mortgage on a house and lot and kept the same off the records for 39 days for the purpose of "defrauding Webb Thompson out of \$1,500," that Sims collected an account for the Charlotte Brick Co., "agreeing to pay the Charlotte Brick Co., which he wilfully and fraudulently refused to do; that Sims collected \$20 on an account for a client and denied to the client that he had collected the same.

The character and reputation of C. P. Sims is attacked in affidavits from members of the Spartanburg bar and the venerable magistrate, A. H. Kirby, Mayor John F. Floyd and others.

The petition points out that Mr. Sims was temporarily suspended at one time by a circuit judge.

Some of the names signed to the petition which is brought in the name of S. G. Finley, an attorney, and Ralph K. Carson, president of the State bar association, J. C. Otts former solicitor, and attorney for the petitioner.

Sims Claims He Will Be Cleared.
Spartanburg, Nov. 22.—The following statement from Atlanta was sent to The Herald tonight by C. P. Sims, the Spartanburg attorney, against whom a complaint for impeachment was filed with the clerk of the supreme court at Columbia yesterday by 11 members of the local bar.

"In reference to the disbarment proceedings against me mentioned in your paper, I beg to say that I am conscious of my innocence, and I have absolute faith in the fairness and sound judgment of each member of the supreme court. Therefore I expect complete vindication when the said charges are investigated."

Taxes Increased by Huerta.

Mexico City, Nov. 21.—One of the last acts of Provisional President Huerta as dictator before the new congress places a restriction on his power, was an edict today making a sweeping increase in the internal taxes of Mexico.

The stamp tax which requires a revenue stamp on checks, receipts, contracts and all documents of a public nature, was doubled. The tax on tobacco, alcohol and crude petroleum was heavily increased.

As a measure to relieve the difficult small money problem arising out of the restriction of silver circulation, President Huerta today issued a decree permitting banks of issue to put out one and two peso bills. The smallest bill hitherto in circulation has been five pesos.

Books for Library.

The following books have been received at the library:

For Young People.

What happened to Mary; Miss Santa Claus of the Pullman—Annie Fellows Johnston.

The Motor Boys on the Wing; The Motor Boys on the Border; The Motor Boys after a fortune—Clarence Young.

For Adults.

The Glory of the Conquered—Susan Glaspell.

The Broken Hats—Florence Barclay, author of The Rosary.

A Son of the Hills—Harriet Comstock, author of Joyce of the North Woods.

The White Linen Nurse—by the author of Molly Make-Believe.

Miss Billy; Miss Billy's Decision—by the author of Pollyanna.

Poor Dear Margaret Kirby—Kathleen Norris.

The Tinder Box—Maria Thompson Danieles.

The Story of Waitstill Baxter—Kate Douglass Wiggin.

The Terrible Twins—Edgar Jepson.

The House of Happiness—by the author of Mary Carey.

John Barleycorn—Jack London.

The Way Home—by the author of The Inner Shrine.

The Golden Road—by the author of Anne of Green Gables.

A Fool and His Money—McCutcheon.

AFTER THE LYNCHERS.

Four Members Spartanburg Mob Indicted.—The Grand Jury Urges Action.

Spartanburg, Nov. 21.—Four alleged members of the mob who on the night of August 18th last dynamited the Spartanburg county jail in an effort to lynch Will Fair, a negro accused of assaulting a white woman not guilty, will be prosecuted. The grand jury urged Solicitor Albert E. Hill to institute criminal proceedings against the men and such other members of the lynching mob as may be apprehended. The accused members are W. R. Belcher, Jesse Wolfe, Robert Wilson and Robert Ward, and the grand jury presents them in the following language:

"After careful investigation into the assault on the jail on the night of August 18, 1913, we find that certain parties, utterly disregarding the lives of the officers and the county property, did make an assault on the jail with the intent of taking the life of Will Fair. We present to the court W. R. Belcher, Jesse Wolfe, Bob Wilson and Robert Ward and ask our solicitor to prosecute them." Solicitor Hill wasted no time after the presentment was issued. At his request Judge DeVore issued bench warrants for the arrest of the four men.

The grand jury's action which is without precedent in this county, came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. The excitement attending the arrest of Fair, the attempted lynching, the trial and the negro's acquittal had long since died down and the whole affair was regarded as a closed incident. There has been some talk a month or two ago of a grand jury investigation of the near-lynching but after that body in its report at the July term of court merely thanked Sheriff W. J. White for upholding the majesty of the law by holding the mob at bay, it was supposed that nothing more would be done. In the meanwhile, however, detectives have been at work, it is reported, and they did not conclude their investigation until recently. W. G. Query, foreman of the grand jury, declined today, however, to divulge the method of procedure adopted in the search for the identity of the members of the mob. He explained that to make this public might interfere with the apprehension of other members of the mob whose names are yet unknown. It was announced that further developments were expected and as the necessary evidence is secured by the grand jury additional men will be presented.

Nothing certain had been learned up to late Thursday as to the vocations and residences of the four accused men, but Ward is thought to be an employee of the telephone company and one or more of the others are said to be mill workers.

The grand jury's move startled Spartanburg and has given delight to opponents of lynching.

The negro Fair, it will be remembered, was accused by a young woman of near White Stone, the wife of a farmer, of having assaulted her in her home in the absence of all other members of her family. Though she persisted in her story when Fair was brought to trial, the preponderance of the evidence was that it was a hallucination on her part. Physicians who examined her testified that they could find no evidence that she had been assaulted, and many negro witnesses testified that while Fair passed the woman's house he did not enter. Nevertheless Fair's acquittal in the face of the young woman's unequivocal accusation was regarded as epoch-making.

After the unsuccessful attempt to lynch Fair he was carried to the State penitentiary at Columbia for safe keeping and held there until a couple of days before his trial.

Give Up to Solicitor.

Spartanburg, Nov. 22.—Jesse Wolfe, a mill operative, and Robert Ward, a lineman for the Postal Telegraph company, presented by the grand jury Thursday as alleged members of the mob that attacked and dynamited the county jail here on the night of August 18, in an effort to secure Will Fair, a negro, accused of criminal as-

The Turkey Will be Properly Dressed, but How About You?

Thanksgiving Day is just a few days off. The turkey is not the only "bird" that requires "dressing" for Thanksgiving. Every man, woman, boy and girl always looks forward to "good dressing" for that occasion. The store of Copeland Bros. can furnish you with the right kind of "dressing" for every member of the family, clothing, dress goods, hats, shoes, ladies' suits and long coats. Let us supply your needs for the great occasion. Then you will have just cause to be truly thankful. Ladies' coat suits in the newest styles and fabrics at greatly reduced prices.

Coats.

We carry a complete line of stylish high grade Coats for ladies and misses. The Coats are well made of the best fabrics. The prices below the ordinary.

Boys' Suits

In Norfolk and regular styles. Just the thing for Thanksgiving. Prices\$2.00 to \$7.50

Men's Hats.

Just received, a big shipment of Hats in all the latest styles and colors.\$1.25 to \$3.50

Underwear.

We have just replenished our stock of Underwear for all the family, men's, women's boys and girls, union suits. Prices suit 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Ladies' Underwear.

Everything that is new you will find here, large assortment. Come and see.

Ladies' Silk Hose

In fancy and plain designs, prices 25 and 50c

Handkerchiefs.

We have just opened up a big lot of ladies', misses' and childrens' Handkerchiefs. We have them in plain all-linen, initial or embroidered in special Xmas boxes, will make fine Christmas present

"Bear Brand" Hosiery

For boys and girls are the best, at two pairs for 25c

We have the best 10c Hose on the market for ladies and children

Latest Dress Goods Fabrics.

A good range of colors in suitings. Whipcords, Poplins and Crepes, at yd only 15 to 25c

Everything New in Domestic.

Dress Ginghams in checks, plaids and stripes, at per yard 10 and 12½c

Light and dark Outings at per yard 9c

Sea Island Homespun, worth 6½c, special at 5c

One case light and dark Calicoes at the yd 5c

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"The Daylight Store"

sault on a young white matron near Whitestone, this county, this afternoon gave themselves up to A. E. Hill, solicitor of the seventh judicial circuit, and were released on a \$1,000 bond each.

W. R. Belcher, a mill operative, and Bob Wilson, a painter, who lives near Greer this county, and two others presented, have not yet surrendered, although bench warrants are in the hands of Sheriff White for their arrest. The former will surrender and will give bond in the sum of \$1,000 Monday. The latter was struck by a railroad train near Greer last Saturday and was severely injured. His face and forehead were lacerated and his skull fractured. He has been unconscious since the accident, with the exception of intervals when he utters a few incoherent words. He is not expected to live.

Further developments in the dynamiting case are expected to accrue Monday as the result of further investigations made by the grand jury and the solicitor.

VARIOUS AND ALL ABOUT.

Some Observations and Comments of the Local Reporter of the Herald and News.

We read in the Charlotte Observer Monday of a double funeral. We read in the Columbia State of a double wedding. Marriage and death go hand in hand.

It would be a hard matter to name a town that could equal Newberry with as good preachers, doctors, lawyers, bankers, merchants, (Jew or Gentile) mill men, railroad men, insurance men, telephone and telegraph people, clerks, operatives, laborers, and citizens generally, town and county, of any class, denomination or nationality. The same as to water, climate, health, etc.

May be it would not be so hard to strain at a gnat if you could spell it without the "g" or use a "k". The way the word is spelled is enough to make one strain.

A harpoon is a missile for catching fish; and Vic Cheshire says he is out for whales. Well, he has a whale of a job on his hands in his congressional race, anyway.—Abbeville Medium.

He has a whale in Dominick. Speaking of the guys that put letters in words or take them out, the guy that would take the "i" from Louise ought to be killed.

The presence in the city of Sheriff Hornbeck of Duchess county, New York, led to the belief that Mr. Jerome had expected to take Thaw back to New York with him as a result of today's proceedings, but nothing happened during the hearing to substantiate that belief.—From a Concord, N. H., dispatch, after an all day hearing Tuesday. Leaving Thaw in Concord waiting, it is time to hear something from the Parr Shoals robbery.

The people of Laurens are right in their fight against carnivals. They are a great nuisance. Not only an

injury to the business interests of any place, but there is not one thing about them that is elevating.—Greenwood Journal. Are these carnivals so terribly, awfully, frightfully, hideously bad? There is nothing elevating about them, they don't come to elevate, but are they such tremendous nuisances? A circus is not elevating, baseball couldn't be classed as elevating when the gambling by betting is counted, neither is a lot of other things elevating, but they are not ruled out. There is so much of straining at gnats and swallowing of camels.

The turkey trot hasn't struck Newberry, but Mr. D. Fair Pifer was making the near-turkey trot the other day. The reporter met him embracing a turkey the other day, which was nearest the turkey trot we had yet seen. Preparing for Thanksgiving next Thursday.

You have heard that a fellow can't be in two places at the same time, unless it is that he is "in the spirit" at another place from where he is in the body, but here is a case where a man was and yet was not, paradoxical as it may appear. A man told Mr. Jackson Bowers, it looked natural "to see him back" in the postoffice. Jackson told him he "hadn't been there before." When it was explained that he hadn't been in the new postoffice before it was made clear. The point is plain enough.

What are "you all" doing towards

"looking out" for Christmas? It is coming fast. First thing you know it will be gone. Do you see any signs of it except in the stores? Where are the Christmas brides-to-be? The December brides are in order now, and Judge Claude Schumpert is ready to issue the little passports and the preacher is ready to be given the countersign.

Time once was at this season of the year in Newberry when one heard much talk of hog killing, with backbone pie and spareribs and the like, and possum and potatoes, and pumpkin pie, turkey and so forth. Things have changed. Now you hear of nothing but automobiles, motorcycles and other things, which have taken the places of the former ways and have something to do with "the high cost of living."

A remarkable incident is related in cat and dog life. Mr. Geo. Martin, who conducts a store at Longshores, has a dog and cat that stay in the store. A few days ago Mr. Martin went to dinner as usual, the house being near the store. His dog following him for dinner, picked up a piece of bread in his mouth and took it to the store. Hunting the cat until he found it, the dog deliberately put the bread down in front of the cat and whined and jumped around until he attracted the cat's attention to the bread. This is a true story. It is worth relating.